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IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED 29 APRIL 1994 ADDRESSED TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF CAMEROON AND NIGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The members of the Security Council wish to respond to the letters from the Permanent Representatives of Cameroon and Nigeria (S/1994/228, S/1994/258, S/1994/351, S/1994/472) concerning the border dispute between Cameroon and Nigeria in relation to the Bakassi peninsula.

The members of the Council have taken note of the communiqué issued by the Central Organ of the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) (S/1994/351, annex). The members of the Council also welcome the fact that the dispute has been referred to the International Court of Justice.

The members of the Council commend the initiative taken by the Chairman of OAU and other mediation efforts aimed at assisting the parties in reaching a political settlement. They urge the parties to exercise restraint and to take appropriate steps, including continuation of their dialogue and the development of confidence-building measures, to restore confidence between them.

Council members encourage the parties to continue to pursue their efforts for a peaceful resolution of the dispute in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Charter of the Organization of African Unity.

The members of the Council request the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Secretary-General of OAU, to follow developments and to use his good offices to help promote the ongoing dialogue aimed at resolving peacefully the dispute between the two countries over the peninsula, and to keep Council members appropriately informed.

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